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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 15**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS USE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
PROFESSIONALS TO MAINTAIN COMPUTERS, COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND  
COMPUTER NETWORKS.**

**WHEREAS, computers, computer software, computer networks  
and other electronic information media have become an integral  
part of the business and culture of New Mexico's public  
schools; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico public schools use computer systems  
for a wide range of applications, including classroom  
instruction, business and data management, student projects,  
record keeping, e-libraries, communications and computerized  
instructional material; and**

**WHEREAS, students, educators and administrative personnel  
must have reliable access to computers, computer networks and**

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1 other electronic media on a regular basis; and

2 WHEREAS, the installation, maintenance and operation of  
3 information technology is a constantly evolving field that  
4 requires specialized training and expertise; and

5 WHEREAS, the responsibility of teachers and administrators  
6 is to use their professional training and expertise to  
7 effectively accomplish the education of students; and

8 WHEREAS, the challenges facing teachers, school  
9 librarians, school administrators and other educators include  
10 assisting students to overcome personal, social and emotional  
11 barriers to success and staying current on research in their  
12 fields, as well as providing high quality instruction; and

13 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of students to free  
14 teachers and other educators from the responsibility for  
15 maintaining and troubleshooting school computer networks and  
16 other information technology by ensuring that appropriately  
17 trained professionals are utilized by school districts to  
18 assume those responsibilities;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that during the 2005  
21 interim, the public education department be requested to study  
22 the feasibility of including network administrators and other  
23 information technology professionals as a category of  
24 instructional support providers; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education

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1 department provide a written report of its findings and  
2 recommendations to the legislative education study committee  
3 prior to the 2006 legislative session; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the secretary of public education and to the  
6 legislative education study committee.

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